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1. Conscripts for labor battalions are given a short recruitment training, as a rule at some training camp, and never with any regiment. The remainder of their three-year period of service is performed by the conscripts with some labor battalion. However, a certain portion of them first go through a kind of work school in Jaroslaw (25 kilometers northwest of Przemyśl), where they are trained in a special trade, such as concrete worker, wood worker, mason, etc. They receive poor quality uniforms, are badly fed and very poorly paid, in spite of the fact that they frequently must work very hard, for example, in coal mines.
2. In the neighborhood of Warsaw there are at present two labor battalions, No. 2 and No. 4. The second battalion is in the Rembertow encampment and is employed on the construction of barracks. The fourth battalion works at the Bornerowo Airfield. Each battalion has six companies of no more than 150 men divided into four platoons.
3. A spot check of passports and other documents is still conducted on the railway line between Szczecin (Stettin) and Gdynia. This control generally occurs at departure from, or arrival in Szczecin and also on the stretch between Bialogard (Belgard) and Slupsk (Stolp) during the trip. The check is carried out by the WOP (Military Border Guard) or the UB (Security Police). On railways further inland, it is believed that no check is made.

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